



Rhymney Urban District Council

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR
THE YEAR 1967

RHYMNEY

URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Chairman of Council (1967) : Councillor D. Thomas, J.P.
Chairman, Public Health Committee: Councillor Mrs. A. Harris

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

Upper Ward

Councillor P. E. Jones
Councillor W. Abrahams
Councillor Mrs A. Harris
Councillor G. Rhys

Middle Ward

Councillor N. Gilbert, J.P.
Councillor D. Thomas
Councillor K. R. Wilkins

Lower Ward

Councillor D. A. Mosley
Councillor T. E. Thomas
Councillor R. Benjamin

Abertysswg Ward

Councillor J. Brewer
Councillor S. Jones
Councillor R. Parry

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF

Medical Officer of Health : Dr M. J. Donelan, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.

Public Health Inspector, Cleansing Officer, Shops Inspector :
K. O. Batten, C.R.S.H., Certified Public Health Inspector and
Inspector of Meat and other Foods

Clerk: Miss Lorraine Carey

Cleansing Officer and Rodent Operator: Mr. T. H. Middleton

MEDICAL OFFICER'S REPORT

Council Offices,
RHYMNEY, Mon.
May, 1968

To the Chairman and Members of the Rhymney Urban District Council,

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Harris and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year, 1967, which has been prepared on the lines indicated by the Ministry of Health.

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area

The District is situated at the top of the Rhymney Valley in the North West corner of Monmouthshire, a small portion of the upper end being in the southern extremity of the County of Breconshire.

It is separated on the West from Glamorgan and the Urban District of Gelligaer by the river Rhymney; on the East by the Tysswg Brook and the Urban District of Tredegar; on the North by Breconshire and on the South by the Urban District of Bedwellty.

It covers an area of 2638 acres and for all administrative purposes is included in the County of Monmouthshire.

The chief industry is coal mining and many of the workmen are employed in collieries outside the area. The local mine, McLaren Colliery is now only used for lowering and raising men employed in the Ogilvie Colliery.

Smiths Clothing Factory employs about 700, the majority being female labour and the Rhymney Brewery employs about 300, the majority being male labour.

However, there is a grave need for light industry in the area especially for those employess who have had to leave the mines because of ill health and for redundant workmen still of employable age.

STATISTICS

General

Area in Acres	2638
Population, Registrar General, 1967	8760
Rateable Value at 31st., March, 1967	£140503
Sum represented by a penny rate	£518
Estimated number of inhabited houses	2687
Average number of persons per house	3.2

Vital

Number of Births Live (Males 81, Females, 64)	145
Birth Rate Live	16.6
Number of Ilegitimate Births (1 male, 3 female)	4
Number of Still Births (3 males)	3
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 Births (Live and Still)	20
Number of Deaths residents (70 males: 51 females)...	121
Death Rate	13.8
Number of Deaths under One Year (2 males)	2
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births	14
Number of women dying from Childbirth	NIL
Number of Deaths from all forms of Tuberculosis ...	1

BIRTHS 1967

Births registered during the year		145
	Males	Females
Legitimate	80	61
Illegitimate	1	3
	—	—
Totals;	81	64
	—	—
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population		16.6
Still Births		3
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 Live and Still		20

DEATHS 1967

Number of Deaths	121	Males	70	Females	51
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Births and Deaths with population for last 10 years

Years	Births	Deaths	Population
1958	156	109	8810
1959	132	120	8800
1960	169	115	8800
1961	177	111	8810
1962	172	132	8850
1963	166	127	8800
1964	153	94	8760
1965	144	115	8760
1966	151	107	8760
1967	145	121	8760

**Table of Births and Deaths for past 20 years
and Comparison with Rates for England and Wales**

Year	GENERAL DEATH RATE		INFANTILE MORTALITY RATE		BIRTH RATE	
	Rhyrnney	England & Wales	Rhyrnney	England & Wales	Rhyrnney	England & Wales
1948	12.6	10.8	64.8	34.0	20.4	17.9
1949	14.3	11.7	50.0	32.0	17.5	16.7
1950	12.5	11.6	66.6	29.8	19.8	15.8
1951	14.6	12.5	73.5	29.6	15.02	15.5
1952	11.8	11.3	8.06	27.6	13.7	15.3
1953	11.58	11.4	27.7	26.8	16.03	15.5
1954	11.65	11.3	38.2	25.4	14.6	15.2
1955	12.76	11.7	50.0	24.9	13.5	15.0
1956	10.8	11.7	28.9	23.8	15.69	15.7
1957	11.8	11.5	41.4	23.0	16.49	16.1
1958	12.37	11.7	51.28	22.5	17.7	16.4
1959	13.6	11.6	15.15	22.0	15.0	16.5
1960	13.04	11.5	17.75	21.7	19.2	17.1
1961	12.59	12.0	28.2	21.4	20.09	17.4
1962	14.9	11.9	23.26	20.7	19.4	18.0
1963	14.4	12.2	30.1	20.9	18.8	18.2
1964	10.7	11.3	26.4	20.0	17.4	18.4
1965	13.2	11.5	6.9	19.0	16.4	18.1
1966	12.2	11.7	52.9	19.0	17.2	17.7
1967	13.8	11.2	14.0	18.3	16.6	17.2

INFANTILE MORTALITY

	Males	Females	Total
Deaths of Infants under One week	2	0	2
Deaths of Infants under Four weeks	2	0	2
Deaths of Infants under One year	2	0	2
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births			14
Neo Natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births			13.7
Early Neo Natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births			13.7
Peri Natal Mortality Rate			33.8

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS)

Disease	Notified	Admitted to Hospital	Deaths
Smallpox	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever	0	0	0
Diphtheria	0	0	0
Enteric Fever, inc. Paratyphoid	0	0	0
Acute Pneumonia (Primary or Influenzal)	0	0	0
Meningoccal Meningitis	0	0	0
Cerebro Spinal Fever	0	0	0
Erysipelas	0	0	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	0	0	0
Acute Poliomyelitis	0	0	0
Dysentery (Sonne)	0	0	0
Whooping Cough	1	0	0
Measles	17	0	0
Encaphalitis	0	0	0
Food Poisoning	0	0	0
Totals	18	0	0

TUBERCULOSIS

Age Periods	NEW CASES—1				DEATHS—1			
	Respiratory		Non- Respiratory		Respiratory		Non- Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
2-4 yrs.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5-9 yrs.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
10-14 yrs.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15-19 yrs.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
20-24 yrs.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25-34 yrs.	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—
35-44 yrs.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45-54 yrs.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
55-64 yrs.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
65-74 yrs.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
75 & over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Unknown	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—

CAUSES OF DEATH, RHYMNEY URBAN AREA, 1967

	Male	Females
All Causes	70	51
Tuberculosis, Other	1	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	3	1
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	2	—
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	—	2
Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasm ...	7	7
Leukaemia, Aleukeamia	2	1
Diabetes	—	1
Vascular Lessions of Nervous System	6	9
Coronary Disease, Angina	19	9
Hypertension with Heart Disease	1	1
Other Heart Diseases	5	8
Other Circulatory Disease	—	2
Pneumonia	1	3
Bronchitis	14	—
Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	1
Congenital Malformation	2	—
Other Defined and Ill Defined Diseases	4	3
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	—
All Other Accidents	1	—
Suicide	—	3
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	70	51

	BIRTH RATE		DEATH RATE	
	Live births per 1,000 population	Still births per 1,000 Live & Still	All ages per 1,000 population	Under 1 yr. per 1,000 Live births
England and Wales	17.2	14.8	11.2	18.3
Monmouthshire C.C.	17.13	16.99	12.87	21.82
Rhymney U.D.C.	16.6	20.0	13.8	14.0

AREA HEALTH SERVICES

General Medical and Surgical Conditions

The Family Doctor arranges admissions of acute emergency direct with the hospital and refers the non-urgent case to be seen as an out-patient. If considered necessary, hospitals outside the area group can be used by arrangement.

Infectious Diseases

Arrangements for admission are made through the General Practitioner and the Regional Hospital Board.

Maternity

Cases are admitted by direct arrangement with the General Practitioner and the Regional Hospital Board.

Tuberculosis

Reference by the family Doctor of patients to the Chest Specialists in attendance at the Chest Clinics for opinion, investigation, or treatment, continues as in the past. Admission to Sanatoria or Hospitals are arranged through the Tuberculosis Division of the Welsh Regional Board or direct recommendation of the Chest Physician.

The Monmouthshire County Council Scheme for the prevention of Tuberculosis is working well. All contacts are X-rayed and all cases followed up by the Medical Officer of Health working in close conjunction with the Chest Physician.

Specialist Service in the Home

The family Doctor seeks a specialist for domicillary service only if the patient is too ill to attend hospital.

Ambulance Service

The Monmouthshire County Council are statutorily responsible for the provision of an adequate service of ambulance and transport for all National Health purposes, including the transport of patients to and from hospital and inter-hospital transfers.

Convalescent Treatment

For the purposes of the National Health Service Act, Convalescence can be divided into two classes. Firstly there is convalescence which is a continuation and an integral part of hos-

pital treatment, i.e. medical and nursing care is essential; this type of convalescence is the responsibility of the Hospital Management Committee.

Secondly there is convalescence where medical and nursing care is not required and where the patient only needs a rest holiday in suitable surroundings; the Hospital Management Committee provided by Local Health Authority (Mon. C.C.) under section 28 of the National Health Act. The present Convalescent Home is Porthcawl.

Spa Treatment

This form of treatment will be provided on prescription by the patient's Doctor supplemented by specialist recommendation. The procedure requires the hospital matron to arrange for out-patient specialist examination on production by the patient of a Medical certificate suggesting Spa treatment. Admission is then arranged (via the Hospital Management Committee) by the Regional Hospital Board to Spa Centres which are at the moment outside the Welsh Region.

Immunisation

Immunisation for Whooping cough, Diphtheria and Tetanus is carried out by the Monmouthshire County Council. Stocks of anti-sera are held at Laboratories of the Public Health Laboratory Service for free issue to the Medical Officer of Health or to practitioners taking part in Local Health Authorities arrangements under Section 26 of the National Health Service Act.

Certain other materials of this kind not readily available from trade sources are also available through the Public Health Laboratory Service e.g. measles serum, typhus vaccine, rabies vaccine, botulinum anti-toxin, anti anthrax serum and anti-snake venom.

Small stocks of anti-toxins may also be available at the Redwood Memorial Hospital for local use.

Public Health Act, 1936, Section 172

No action was found necessary for the compulsory removal of a patient suffering from Tuberculosis and in an infectious state under the above.

In conclusion, I wish to thank all Members of the Council and Staff for their co-operation throughout the year.

Yours faithfully,

M. J. DONELAN, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.

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PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

Public Health Department,
Council Offices,
RHYMNEY, Mon. NP2 5XP
May, 1968

To the Chairman and Members of the Rhymney Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Lady and Gentlemen,

I have much pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for the year, 1967.

Environmental Health covers the period ending 31st. December, 1967 and Public Cleansing, the Financial Year ending 31st. March, 1968.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply

There are two main sources of supply:—

- (1) **BLAEN RHYMNEY:** This gathering ground empties into the Old Reservoir with a capacity of 12,000,000 gallons and the New Reservoir with a capacity of 44,000,000 gallons. Both are the property of the Taf Fechan Water Board.
- (2) **UPPER NEAUADD:** This reservoir has a capacity of 350,000,000 gallons and is the property of the Taf Fechan Water Board.

In addition to the above about forty properties at Princetown are supplied by the Tredegar Urban District Council and a few of the outlying farm houses are supplied with springs.

On the whole the supply has been adequate and of good quality.

Number of dwellings supplied by public water mains:—

(1) Direct to houses	2687
(2) By stand pipes	NIL
(3) Approximate population supplied	8760

Sampling of Water
Taf Fechan Water Board

	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Bacteriological Examination of Raw Water	None taken	
Bacteriological Examination of Treated Water	45	1
Plumbo Solvent Action.	None	

Action taken in respect of any form of contamination:
INCREASED CHLORINATION

Health Department, Rhymney U.D.C.

Number of samples of Treated Water taken.....	16
Number satisfactory	16
Number unsatisfactory	NIL

All samples taken by the Health Department are submitted to the Public Health Laboratory, Newport.

Drainage and Sewerage

Practically the whole of the area with the exception of the outlying farms and cottages is served by the water carriage system.

There have been the usual small blockages, otherwise the system has worked well.

The Rhymney Urban Authority is a contributory authority to the Rhymney Valley Sewerage Board with representatives thereon
Closet Accommodation

Three cottages in the area which are not connected to the sewerage system are supplied with suitable fluid for their chemical closets by the Health Department.

Public Conveniences

There are four conveniences for the use of both sexes and part time attendants are employed to clean these. Unfortunately there has been the usual vandalism and locked entrance doors has not prevented this.

Area	W.C.'s Ladies	W.C.'s Gents	Urinals	Wash-basins
Abertysswg	2	2	1	2
Carno Hill	2	2	1	2
High Street	3	2	1	2
Queens Square	2	2	1	2

The Health department is responsible for the supervision of the above and on the whole they have been kept fairly clean.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

Refuse Collection

Kerb-side collection of refuse is carried out twice weekly throughout the area and midweek, accumulations are collected as required from rear lanes and other sites subject to illicit disposal.

The department has two side loaders and a dual-tip, one being kept in reserve.

The two side loaders will be replaced in 1968 by two dual-tip vehicles.

A driver and two loaders are employed on each vehicle and during absenteeism the vacancy is filled by street sweepers or in extreme circumstances by labour from the Surveyor's department.

Refuse Disposal

Partially controlled tipping is carried out at the Cwm Mawr site. The approach road and tip roads are made of quarry waste chippings and this form of surfacing has proved to be cheap and very effective.

Owing to the initial depth of this tip, disposal has had to be carried out at various levels and cover effected by the use of inert shale when required.

The present type of refuse does give rise to the odd fire but these have been of a minor nature and the usual cause has been trespassing on the tip by children. Tip surfaces are treated during the warmer weather with DDT dressing as a fly deterrent and Warfarin is solely used as a bait for rat infestation. On Wednesdays maintenance of fencing and the tip is carried out.

A Drott International is used at intervals for levelling and final removal of excess accumulations.

Street Cleasing

The District is now divided into three sweeping beats for manual sweeping while the Bedford Lacre Suction Sweeper is used on main roads and to assist the manual sweepers. This machine has proved to be very efficient and economic. Street gullies are also emptied by this machine. The total milage of roads swept is 16; classified 6.69 miles and unclassified, 9.26 miles.

Straying Animals

These are a permanent nuisance. Horses and sheep foul streets and footpaths, destroy gardens, empty bins and cause injury to our inhabitants. They are a grave danger to motorists on all highways and have caused serious accidents and damage for which one can rarely claim insurance.

I fail to understand the callous indifference of these farmers who are very well aware of their responsibility for these matters. Lambs and foals are bred and born on the streets. No-one claims them when they are killed or maimed. They then become the responsibility of the Local Authority or Police.

I have every regard for the legitimate farmer. He values his stock and cares for it. Not so the other type.

It is surely time, his parasitical activities were curtailed by legislation.

District No.	District
1	Pen-y-Dre, Ty Coch, Bryn Carno, Aneurin Terrace, Ael-y-Bryn, Heol-y-Twyn, Is Fryn, Heol Uchaf, Penywaun Hotel to Rhymney Bridge, Rhymney Bridge to Princetown. Parish Church to Clarence Hotel, Carno Street, Gladstone Terrace to Bryn Seion Street, Harcourt Place, Oakland Terrace to Penywaun Hotel, Clarendon Row, Cambrian Street, King Edward Terrace, White Row, Price Street, Brewery Row, Penuel Row, Glan-y-Nant, C.W.S. Stores, Cross Street, Manest Street, Goshen Street, Surgery Hill, The Terrace, The Noddfa, Tre Evans, Tre Edwards, Tan-y-Llan.
2	Lower Junior School to C.W.S. Stores, Ramsden Street, Thomas Row, Field Street, Jenkins Row, Morgans Row, Lady Tyler Terrace, Matthew Square, Jerusalem Street, Hill Street to Tredegar Boundary and Moriah Street, Garden City, Plantation Street, Moriah Street to Garden City, Hill Street Estate.
3	County Boundary to Lower Junior School, District Boundary, Upper McLaren Cottages, Glyn Street, The Green, Alexander Street, Arthur Street, Greensway, Hill Road, Barkley Street, Station Road, Westville, Alfred Street.

COST STATEMENT 1967-68

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Particulars	Totals
Gross Expenditure	
	£ s d
(1) Labour	3698 0 0
(2) Haulage	2743 0 0
(3) Plant, buildings, land	377 0 0
(4) Other items	109 0 0
Total Gross Expenditure	£6927 0 0
Gross Income	78 0 0
Net Cost	£6849 0 0

STREET AND GULLY CLEANSING

Particulars	Totals
Gross Expenditure	
	£ s d
(1) Labour	2821 0 0
(2) Haulage	2221 0 0
(3) Plant, equipment, buildings	39 0 0
(4) Other items	13 0 0
Total Gross Expenditure	£5094 0 0
Gross Income	400 0 0
Net Cost	£4694 0 0

Public Cleansing Staff

On the Cleansing Staff are the foreman, three drivers, four refuse collectors, three sweepers and one tipman. Previous to the use of the Mechanical Suction Sweeper there were seven street sweepers.

No. of days lost through sickness and injury 169

HOUSING

Number of houses inspected for defects under Public Health Acts	80
Number of inspections made for the purpose	107
Number of inspections for:—	
Standard Grants	20
Discretionary Grants	13
Housing Loans	14
Miscellaneous Housing Visits	72
Slum Clearance Visits	250

Housing Loans

The Council commenced making Housing Loans during 1963 and has since continued with this scheme although the money available has been considerably less. Upon receipt of application for a loan, a detailed housing inspection is carried out by the Public Health Inspector who recommends whether the house is suitable for loan or not. Valuation is carried out by an outside Valuer and a final decision reached after consideration of both reports.

Number of Loans made	11	Amount	£12,250
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Discretionary and Standard Grants

As in Housing Loans, inspection is carried out by the Public Health Inspector as to suitability for grant loan. An outside Architect is engaged for final checking of works and approval of payment.

Number of Standard Grants approved	15	Amount	£2,146
Number of Discretionary Grants approved	7	Amount	£2,100

Housing Progress

Total number of Dwelling houses in district	2687
Total owned and controlled by Local Authority	667
Temporary	NIL
Permanent	667
Number in course of erection at end of year	NIL
Houses erected by Local Authority at end of year ...	NIL
Houses erected by Private Enterprise at end of year ...	NIL

Certificates of Disrepair

No applications were received during the year.

HOUSES IN CLEARANCE AREAS AND UNFIT HOUSES

A—HOUSES DEMOLISHED

	Houses Demolished	Displaced	
		Families	Persons
(1) Houses unfit for human habitation ...	Nil	Nil	Nil
(2) Houses included by reason of bad arrangement ...	Nil	Nil	Nil
(3) Houses on land acquired under Sec. 43(2), Housing Act, 1957 ...	Nil	Nil	Nil
NOT IN CLEARANCE AREAS :			
(4) As a result of formal or informal procedure under Sec. 17(1), Housing Act, 1957 ...	Nil	Nil	Nil
(5) Local Authority houses certified unfit by Medical Officer of Health ...	Nil	Nil	Nil
(6) Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under Local Acts ...	Nil	Nil	Nil
B—UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED			
(8) Under Sect'ns 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act 1957 ...	4	4	20
(9) Under Sections 17(3) and 26, Housing Act, '57 ...	Nil	Nil	Nil
(10) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957 ...	Nil	Nil	Nil

UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED, 1967

Premises	Families rehoused	Persons rehoused
33, Hill Street	1	8
5, Matthew Square	1	4
5, Nant-y-Melin	1	5
3, Ras Bryn Oer	1	3
	4	20

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960

Routine inspection of all food premises have been maintained during the year. The majority of these premises are of the domestic type or small family businesses.

INSPECTION OF FOOD PREMISES

Premises	Number	Number of Visits
Butchers	6	17
Canteens	6	10
Fried fish and fishmongers	6	10
Grocers and general dealers	25	28
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	2	3
Food Preparers	3	3
Icecream Premises Manufacturers	2	18
Cafes and snack bars	4	9
Registered Clubs	10	10
Public Houses	9	20

All the above premises comply with the requirements of Sections 16 and 19 of the Regulations.

It was found necessary to serve four notices during the year for general disrepair, redecoration, sanitary accommodation and protective clothing. These were complied with.

SAMPLING

Milk	Pasteurised	Homogenised	Sterilised	Satisfactory
No. taken	11	5	5	21
Icecream	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4
No. taken	25	3	Nil	1

There is one Heat Treated Wholesaler Manufacturer and one Cold Mix Manufacturer in the area. The majority of the vendors retail pre-packed icecream of the larger manufacturing distributors.

Unsound Food surrendered and condemned

Assorted tins and packets 29

Food Poisoning

Two suspected cases of food poisoning were notified during the year. Faecal specimens obtained from the suspect cases and contacts proved negative.

HAWKERS OF FOOD

Monmouthshire County Council Act, 1956, Sec. 14

There were no new registrations during the year.

FOOD AND DRUG SAMPLES TAKEN BY MONMOUTHSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Milk: 16 Other Foods: 16 Icecream: 1 Intoxicating Liquor: 2

The Public Analyst certified all samples to be genuine.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF AREA

Intimation Notices served	21
Intimation Notices abated	14
Statutory Notices served	2
Statutory Notices abated	2

Nature of Visits	No. of Visits
Accumulations	33
Animals	4
Drainage	30
Factories	30
General Defects	66
Sanitary Accommodation	5
Council Houses	6
Interviews	75
Miscellaneous Sanitary Visits	22
Public Conveniences	62
Rats and Mice (Visits by Public Health Inspector	76
Refuse Collection	3
Refuse Disposal	84
Scrap Metal Dealers	1
Street Cleansing	549
Water Supply	3
Licensed Premises	30
Hairdressers	4
Total	1083

REGISTRATION OF HAIRDRESSERS

Monmouthshire C.C. Act, 1956

One Gents Hairdresser was registered during the year.

DEFECTS REMEDIED

Defects	Number Remedied
Chimneys	7
Roofs	16
Eaves Guttering	8
Doors and Furnishings	3
Ceiling Plaster	8
Wall Plaster	21
Window Frames	8
Floors	7
Rain Water Pipes	5
Boundary Walls	1
Dampness	3
Drainage	2
Pedestal Pans	2
Accumulation Removed	33
Keeping of Animals	4
Yard Surfaces	6
Dirty Dwellings	2
Main Walls Repaired	11
Fuel Stores Provided	6
Firegrates	4
Staircases	4

Improvements—Standard and Discretionary Grants

Bathrooms	14
Hot and Cold Water Supplies	16
Wash-hand basins	14
Internal Water Closets	14
Suitable Food Storage	14

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

PROPERTY OTHER THAN SEWERS		Type of Property	
		Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
1	Number of properties in District	3226	2
2	a Total Number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	99	1
	b Number infested by Rats	83	1
	Number infested by Mice	16	Nil
3	a Total number of properties inspected for Rats and/or Mice for reasons other than notification	809	Nil
	b Number infested by Rats	Nil	Nil
	Number infested by Mice	3	Nil
4	Were any sewers infested by Rats during the year	Yes	

SUMMARY OF TREATMENT FOR RATS IN SEWERS

		1st Treatment	2nd Treatment
		June, 1967	October, 1967
1	Number of manholes treated	120	127
2	Number showing takes	16	16
3	Poison used	Warfarin	Warfarin

DISINFESTATION

110 premises were treated with DDT products during the year: Ants 58, Blackbeetles 43, Bugs 3, Furniture Beetles 1, Wasps 2, Moths 1, Silver Fish 2.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

PART I Inspections for purposes of provisions as to Health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspec- tions (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers pros- ecuted (5)
(1) Factories in which secs. 1, 2,3,4,&6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ...	1	12	Nil	Nil
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Sec. 7 is en- forced by the Local Author- ity ...	14	16	Nil	Nil
(3) Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the Local Authority excluding outworkers premises ...	2	2	Nil	Nil
Total:	17	30	Nil	Nil

NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED

Particulars	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
Want of Cleanliness ...	1	1	NIL	NIL	NIL
Overcrowding ...	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Unreasonable Temp. ...	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Inadequate Vent. ...	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Ineffective drainage of floors ...	1	1	NIL	NIL	NIL
Sanitary Conveniences					
(a) Insufficient ...	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
(c) Not separate for sexes	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) ...	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
TOTAL ...	2	2	NIL	NIL	NIL

PART VIII There are no out-workers employed in the area.

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

TABLE 'A'

TOTALS	Nil	35	35
Offices ...	Nil	8	8
Retail shops ...	Nil	23	23
Wholesale shops, warehouses	Nil	1	1
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens ...	Nil	3	3
Fuel storage depots ...	Nil	Nil	Nil
(1) Class of premises	(2) Number of premises registered during the year	(3) Total Number of registered premises at end of the year	(4) Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year

NUMBER OF VISITS OF ALL KINDS BY INSPECTORS TO REGISTERED PREMISES

TABLE 'B'

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ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES BY WORKPLACE

TABLE 'C'

Class of Workplace (1)	No. of persons employed (2)
Offices	15
Retail shops	64
Wholesale departments, warehouses	7
Catering establishments open to the public	18
Canteens	NIL
Fuel storage depots	NIL
Total:	104
Total Males:	32
Total Females:	72

During the year one office and two retail shops were provided with additional means of heating.

Number of Notices served during the year.....2

Number of Notices complied with.....2

Number of accidents reported during the year.....Nil

CONCLUSION

In conclusion, I wish to thank all members and staff for their willing help and co-operation during the year.

Yours faithfully,

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